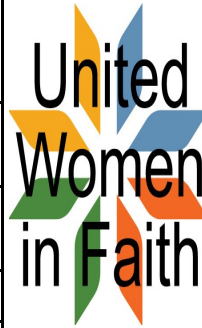




**Abbreviation Legend**  
 CH--Criswell Hall S--Sanctuary  
 K--Kitchen L--Library Room #123  
 MMR--McMillen Room #113  
 PS--Pastor's Study HR--Handbell Rm #115

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Feb 26</b>	4:30 PM Communications-L, 6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH.
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Feb 27</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study-CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR.
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Feb 28</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 9:00 Church Work Morning, all invited -CH, 10:00 AM Mary-Martha-Esther Circle-MMR.
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Feb 29</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-S.
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mar 02</b>	9:00 AM UMM Breakfast Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn. See below.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 03</b>	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary. 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary. .



**MOVIE TODAY!**

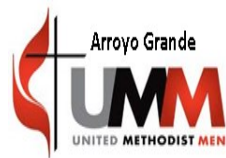


**Sun Feb 25 2:00 PM**

Fellowship presents "Indiana Jones and The Dial of Destiny". **Free Movie**, also free popcorn and refreshments.



**Sat Mar 9 10:00 AM** Fellowship tour of the Railroad Museum in SLO \$5 entry fee. Meet at the church at 9:30 AM to carpool.



**Calling All Methodist Men!**

**Sat Mar 2 9:00 AM**  
 Guest Speaker is Scott Collins, Exec Director of HASLO/Housing Authority of

San Luis Obispo. Breakfast meeting is at Hilton Garden Inn, \$20. Contact Paul at holdenp@yahoo.com if you want to attend but haven't signed up yet.

*Today's Altar Flowers are dedicated in loving memory to Judy Woodbridge Nov 9, 1946 to Feb 20, 2024*

*from longtime friends Mary Whitson & Frances Robertson*

*To order altar flowers for a dedication, please contact the church office.*



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February 25, 2024

10:30 AM

**Second Sunday in Lent**

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY

PRELUDE *Heavenly Sunlight* G.H. Cook/arr. Mark Hayes

CHORAL INTROIT *Here I am, Lord (refrain)* No. 593  
*Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

CALL TO WORSHIP Patti Melsheimer

From generation to generation, God calls to us.  
**Christ names us as God's own people.**  
 In hope and faith, God walks before us.  
**Christ calls us to pick up our cross and follow.**  
 In covenant and love, God promises us grace.  
**Christ carries us forward into life anew.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 89

WELCOME Gerry McGuire

OPENING PRAYER Kerren Brown

**God of Abram and Sarai,**  
**you call to us across the span of time.**  
**Open our minds,**  
**that we may discern your call.**  
**Open our hearts,**  
**that we may grow in your promise.**  
**Grant us hope and trust to walk in your ways.**  
**Raise us up to be children of your promise,**  
**people of your covenant,**  
**and disciples who follow your every lead.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

Today's Scripture

UWF PRESENTATION Gerry McGuire and Mary Hawkins

Sharing Our Mission  
2024 Leaders  
Mission Recognition

A TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

Choral Call to Prayer  
Prayers of the People  
Choral Response

*Make Me a Servant*

TFWS #2176

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CHORAL ANTHEM

*Love Never Fails*

arr. Teena Chinn

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16  
Mark 8:31-38

Priscilla Alquist

HYMN *(please remain seated)*

*The Summons*

TFWS #2130

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Mary Hawkins

SERMON

JOURNEY TO SUNRISE:  
Keeping Faith

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING/USHERS

Kerren Brown, Judie Neufeld

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
Offertory  
Doxology

*Grateful*

Mark Hayes  
Melody from Hymnal, No. 95

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Here I Am, Lord*

No. 593

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

RESPONSE

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (verse 1)

TFWS #2241

POSTLUDE ??? -last year's

*Song for a New Day*

David Paxton

\*Please stand as able.

Music Director: Julia Burns

Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

The Sign of the Covenant

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Today's Liturgist: Priscilla Alquist

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
01/28	35	63	98	50	148	\$ 2,029
02/04	24	42	66	25	91	\$ 9,585
02/11	32	69	101	25	126	\$ 6,793
02/18	33	65	98	2	100	\$ 4,092
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038						
STEWARDSHIP REPORT:						
YTD Received \$220,290 Budgeted \$194,608						

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

Mission Team

Next Sunday,

March 3

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